

Takoma Park, Md., Aug 7, 1899

Regular meeting of the Council was held this date
 Mayor S. S. Shedd presiding

Roll Call

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	"
"	F. J. Long	"
"	W. G. Platt	"
"	H. J. Long	"
"	L. M. Morris	"
"	<u>F. W. Longley</u>	Absent (sick)

Minutes of last session were read and approved

Treasurers Report

Balance on hand	\$160.77
Received taxes	<u>47.71</u>
	\$208.48
Disbursements	<u>186.65</u>
Balance on hand	\$21.83

Report of Auditing Committee

Takoma Park, Md. July 24, 1899

To the Honorable
The Mayor and Council
Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned committee appointed to audit the books of the Town Treasurer, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, have the following report to submit:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 668.37
Received from General Taxes.....	2469.58
Road tax from Commissioners Prince Georges County.....	120.12
Road tax Commissioners Montgomery County.....	491.74
Sundry receipts.....	4.68
Proceeds Certificate of Indebtedness.....	500.18
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	\$4254.67

over

*Auditing
Committee on
Council
Report
Treasurer*

DISBURSEMENTS

Expended on fire apparatus.....	8.44
General expenses of the town to include printing, advertising, postage, stationery, insurance, freight, etc.....	214.75
For public improvements (Street work):	
Lumber, sewer pipe and other material....\$	336.50
Hire of laborers.....	1339.07
Street Lighting:	
For oil, lamps, wicks, etc.....	242.62
Salary of lamplighter.....	325.00
Salary of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer (13 months)....	260.00
Fee to Bailiff.....	3.00
Constructing town lock up.....	56.50
Rent of Chapel for Council meetings.....	21.00
Rent of Log Cabin for fire apparatus and lock up.....	48.00
Digging Experimental Well.....	499.00
Interest on bonded indebtedness (\$3,500).....	210.00
Interest on Certificate of Indebtedness of \$500.....	30.00
Redemption of 5 bonds of \$100. each.....	500.00
Cash on hand.....	160.77
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	\$4254.67

The above agreeing with the statement of the Treasurer.

In this connection we desire to state that the books and accounts are well and accurately kept, and the records are found to be in excellent condition.

(signed) J. B. Kinnear
(signed) Wm. M. Wood

Auditing Committee

On motion the report was accepted, and ordered spread in full upon the minutes

Communication from Danl O Driscoll relative to improvements on Bligo Ave was referred to the Street Committee

A number of petitions from citizens of the town praying that the Council take prompt action relative to perfecting the towns equity, or ownership to Spring Park, and pledging their support and approval for any expense that might be incurred in the matter was received and referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report at the next regular meeting

Communication from the Street Committee of the Citizens Association recommending certain public improvements was referred to the Committee on Streets

On motion an appropriation was made of 1800 to pay the Judges of Election and Clerk of Election at the special municipal election held July 3, 1899

An appropriation of \$4800 was made for payment of rent of Log Cabin

The Finance Committee approved the following bills
and they were ordered paid

A Leonard	type	\$ 75	
Wright & Co	Lamps &c	17.50	
J. P. Mann	printing	9.75	
Evening Star	advertising	4.95	
Manson Paper Co	Record Books	9.70	
W. E. Shockett	Tax Book	9.50	
Contingent-		29.97	
Walker & Co	Remittor	17.64	\$107.28
W. Jones,	Matches	2.52	

Complaint
Chicken

Complaint of L. W. Thomas relation to annoyance caused
by neighbor's chickens was ordered referred to T. Baileiff
with instructions to enforce the ordinance on the
subject

Grand Am

Request of C. E. Leutte for grading of Grand Am,
referred to Street Committee

On motion the Committee on Streets were authorized to expend not exceeding \$25⁰⁰ on Ridge Ave in clearing off the underbrush, also to make arrangements for the removal of trees on Flower Ave. but no expense to be incurred for this latter one.

Ridge Ave

Mr Dyar moved an appropriation of \$100. for the improvement of Eatham Allen Ave & Old Mill road, the money to be disbursed by the Treasurer upon presentation of a pay roll attested correct by W. F. Gilbert and on favorable report of Street Committee

Eatham Allen
\$100.

Mr Platt moved that the Clerk be directed to notify the Baltimore & Washington Transit Co. to comply with Section 2 of the Ordinance granting them right of way through the town by causing the space between the rails &c to be filled with gravel

Balt & Wash
Transit Co

Mr Dyar called attention to the Dog ordinance, and after some discussion The Bailiff was ordered to furnish the Clerk with a census of all owners of dogs in the town when the Clerk would prepare bills against the owners which the Bailiff would

Dog
Ordinance

then present and called or otherwise carry out the provisions of the ordinance

Carried

*Columbia
Ave*

The attention of the Street Committee was called to water standing at the head of Columbia Ave on Sycamore Ave.

The following proposed Ordinance was presented

TO REGULATE THE REMOVAL OF NIGHTSOIL.

No 70

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

*Ordinance
Night Soil*

Section 1-That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to carry, transport, or move any nightsoil through, or over the streets of the town without a special permit from the Council.

Section 2-No person shall bury or deposit the contents of any privy, cesspool or earthcloset on any public or private property within the corporate limits of Takoma Park, without a special permit from the Council. For a violation of the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction the offending party shall be fined not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars, or imprisonment at not exceeding thirty days. One half of all fines received to go to the informer.

Repealed by No. 10790 (2-11-41)

Section 3-Section 7 of Ordinance No.15, passed and approved
September 30, 1890, and amended June 12, 1893 and March 11, 1895, is
hereby repealed.

After discussion of the matter in connection with report of
the Sanitary Committee on the subject the ordinance was
passed by the following vote

Mayor Shedd, Aye

Councilmen Dyar Long Lemg Platt Morns - Aye

" Langley absent.

Agreement with R.V. Rusk
removal right
sole
The Committee on Health were instructed to enter into an
agreement with Mr. R. V. Rusk of the Odors Excavating Co of
Washington D.C. for the exclusive privilege of removing night
soil from the Corporation and that said Committee prepare
a circular to be printed, bearing on the subject with ex-
tract from ordinance just passed, which circular to be
sent to all householders

No further business appearing, adjourned

Approved:

Geo. A. Warren

Clerk

Sam Shedd
Mayor

Takoma Park, Md Aug 21, 1899

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the residence of the Mayor.

Present

Mayor Shedd Councilmen Dyar, Moms, Long & Lenny

Absent

Councilmen Platt & Langley.

The mayor stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering suggestions of Mr. Prissy relative to surveys and elevations. After Mr Prissy had explained matters to the Council, Mr Long offered the following resolution

"That where the exigencies of the case require the Mayor is hereby authorized to engage such supplemental service in connection with the survey of the town for water works and a sewerage system as may in his judgement be necessary

Recorded by Mr Dyar ^{and} on Long put to vote was unanimously carried

Mayor au-
thorized to
contract for
surveys &c

After some discussion as to the outlet for the sewerage system the Mayor declared an adjournment at 9⁴⁵ pm

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk

Approved

Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md. Sept 4, 1899

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 pm in the Basement of the Chapel

	<u>Roll call</u>	
Mayor	B. B. Shedd	<u>Present</u>
Councilmen	W. W. Dyer	"
"	J. J. Long	"
"	W. G. Platt	"
"	L. M. Morris	"
"	F. J. Long	"
"	F. W. Longley	<u>Absent</u>

Movers

Actg Clerk

Mr L. M. Morris was designated to act as Clerk during the absence from town of Mr Warren

Minutes of last session read and approved

Committees: No reports from any of the Standing Committees

Appropriation

On motion an appropriation of 57.⁷⁸ was made in favor of S. W. Walters & Son for oil and \$10⁰⁰ in favor of J. S. Drummond Agent, premium on bond of Treasurer

Dyar

Act of Mayor

It was ordered that during the absence of the Mayor that Mr W. W. Dyar be designated to act in his place

No further business appearing the Council adjourned

Approved:

(sgd) L. M. Mooers

Clerk pro tem

Sam^l J. Shedd
Mayor

Takoma Park, Md. Nov. 6, 1899

The regular meeting of the Council was held this date
in the Chapel at 8 pm.

Roll Call

Mayer	S. S. Shedd	<u>Present</u>	
Councilman	W. G. Platt	"	
	H. J. Long	"	
	L. M. Morris	"	
	J. J. Long	"	
	W. W. Dyar	<u>Absent</u>	
	F. W. Langley	"	(sick)

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Reports of Committees

No written reports were submitted by the Chairman
of any of the standing Committees

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand July 1, 1899.....	\$ 160.77
Received from Balt. & Washn. Transit Co.....	100.00
Received on account of interest.....	6.70
Received from Taxes.....	1354.15

\$ 1621.62

Disbursements.

Paid on account of street services.....	\$134.51	
do material.....	23.84	
Paid on account Street lighting, oil.....	77.80	
General sundry expenses.....	95.88	
Rent of Log Cabin.....	48.00	
Redemption Certificate of Indebtedness.....	500.00	
Interest on C. of I.....	30.00	
Paid on account of installing water works..	50.00	
Salaries Wm. Jones & G.A. Warren.....	260.00	1220.03

Leaving a balance on hand of..... \$401.59

Finance Committee reported favorably on the following bills and on motion they were ordered paid.

B. W. Waters	Oil	47.20
J. P. Moon	Printing	10.50
Contingent		16.26
Geo. W. Jackson	Surveying	100.00

Bills

On motion of Mr Platt the balance due on ~~the~~ bill of G. W. Jackson of March, 1899 for surveys on Cedar Ave (see Voucher 47, 1899) which was withheld owing to a misunderstanding relative to cutting down the trees on the street was ordered paid, Mr Jackson having made statement that most of them were in the line of sight in running his lines and he had them removed without expense to the Town

Jacksons
bill

Mr Lenny verbally reported that work had been done on Carroll Ave. also on Ridge Ave by Mr Parsley in accordance with authority granted him by the Board and moved that the amount agreed upon \$25. be appropriated in payment thereof

Street work

Carried

The attention of the Council was brought to stagnant water at the head of Columbia Ave on Sycamore and the Committee on Streets were authorized to place a pipe across the street

The Committee were also authorized to lay a pipe at the intersection of Chicago and Yakoma Aves.

A temporary board walk was ordered for Grand Ave

Street
work
The matter of the dangerous condition of the board walk on Hickory Ave was reported by Mr F. C. Harris and after a general discussion the Committee on Streets were directed to make repairs not only to the walk mentioned but also that on Pine and other Avenues where needed

On motion Mr James J. Parsley was appointed a deputy Bailiff

At the request of Mr F. F. Deeny he was authorized to take sand from Elm Ave beyond Sycamore provided no holes were left and the street was left safe and in good condition

A communication was read from Mr Jth Clark forwarding and recommending that Mr [] be permitted to remove night coil from the Corporation notwithstanding the Ordinance passed on the subject. The matter was discussed and it was the unanimous opinion of the Council that any deviation from the ordinance would not be expedient. and the Mayor directed the Clerk to so inform Mr Clark

Mr Summy, Fire Chief was recognized and asked authority to hire a couple of men to clean the fire apparatus and to purchase washers for the hose
Granted

Mr Long moved that the Judiciary Committee be directed to submit necessary amendments to the Charter which will authorize the town to construct permanent fire hydrants assessing one half the cost against abutting property. This was discussed and Mr Platt offered a substitute as follows
"That a Special Committee of 3 be appointed of which the Mayor shall be Chairman to prepare a bill for submission to the legislature

authorizing the town to construct sidewalks. The Mayor designated Mr Platt & Mr Moser to aid with him as such Committee

Mr Warren submitted certain correspondence between himself as town treasurer and the Laurel Building Assn relative to objection of said Assn to refund the purchaser at a tax sale Stone & Co. taxes paid by him of property they had a lien upon. Mr Warren stated that owing to certain ambiguity of language in the Charter, he desired the instruction of the Council as to what reply to make to the Laurel Assn. He also called attention to certain necessary amendments to the Charter on the subject of tax sales and on motion of Mr Platt the correspondence was ordered referred to the Corporation Attorney who is directed to inform the Treasurer of the town what reply to make, and also submit such amendments to the Charter as might be considered necessary and report such to the Council for consideration

Bryant-

On motion the sum of \$845- was ordered refunded
 E C Bryant coming there &c erroneously paid

Dog ordinance

The matter of the dog ordinance was brought up
 and the Clerk was directed to instruct the Bailiff
 to make a detailed report to the Mayor of his
 actions on this subject.

Adjourned

Geo. A. Warren
 Clerk

Approved:

Saml. Shedd
 Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md. December 4, 1899.

The regular meeting of the Council occurred at 8 p.m. this date in the basement of the Chapel.

ROLL CALL.

Mayor..S..S..Shedd.....	Present
Councilman W. G. Platt.....	"
" H. J. Long.....	"
" L.M.Mooers	"
" F. J. Lung ,.....	!"
" F. W. Longley.....	!"
" W. W. Fyar,	Absent

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEES and REPORTD.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Balance on hand last report.....	\$401.59
Received from taxes.....	128.38
Received, Special taxes (dog tax)...	17.00
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	\$546.97
By disbursements.....	252.36
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Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$294.61

COMMITTEE ON STREETS:

Mr. F.J.Lung, Chairman, made a verbal report concerning work done since last meeting of the council among which was work done by Bailiff Jones on Sligo avenue. In this connection Mr.Platt

Street Work

moved that the Committee be authorized to place a pipe across the street near Blair road as requested by Major O'Driscoll. The Committee reported that the lumber has been secured for repairs to certain sidewalks and work was being done in that direction. A lamp was authorized on Hickory ave between Montgomery and Pine. The Chairman also returned communications of the Citizens Association wherein certain public improvements were recommended, stating that in view of the general sense of the Council that no extended street work would be undertaken owing to public matters now engrossing the attention of the council, his committee had taken no action in the matter.

City Assn

Mr. Platt moved that the Clerk be directed to inform the Chairman of the Committee on Streets of the Citizen's Association that the Council deemed it inexpedient at this time, in view of other expenses being incurred to consider the proposition relative to the extension of Tulip avenue, the improvement of the public park in North Takoma, plant trees or gravel streets as suggested in the committees letter. That the question of sidewalks is, and has been under consideration by the Council and as soon as adequate legislation is secured, that question will receive favorable consideration. CARRIED

O'Driscoll

Mr. Platt reported that Major Daniel O'Driscoll had called on him and desired that the reduction made by the Council on his assessment be also considered retroactive, that is, to include all previous years. The matter was discussed and Mr. Long offered the following motion which was unanimously passed.

"Resolved, that the Council does not approve or grant the petition of Major Daniel O'Driscoll for a retroactive reduction of his assessment, but in view of the fact that the petition was inadvertently not brought to the attention of the Council at its last session, the Town Treasurer is authorized to receipt for these taxes if paid at once without penalty

Dog Ordinance

The Mayor presented the matter of the Dog Ordinance and efforts that had been made to enforce the same. That he had just received a further report from the Bailiff showing persons who had not paid the tax, and stated that he would retain the papers and consult with the Corporation attorney, it being the sense of the Council that the ordinance should stand and be enforced.

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On motion the bill of Mr. W.W.Dyar for legal services in connection with the ~~securing~~^{investigating} of the towns rights in Spring Park (\$100) was ordered paid, the same having been approved by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Platt moved that the report of Mr.W.W.Dyar relative to certain land assessed in the name of Nancy Pierce and D.F.Beatty, 4 1/2 a. be accepted and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to collect taxes thereon.
CARRIED.

The question of rights of way for the water and sewerage system was brought up and Mr. Platt offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Mayor appoint a committee of three, of which he shall be chairman, and which committee is authorized to secure option on two or more pieces of ground suitable for a sewer farm, and if necessary make a deposit thereon, and that the committee also be authorized to secure such rights of way as may be found necessary for sewers or water pipes and make such concessions to parties whose ground such pipes will cross as will, in their judgment, be beneficial to the town in order to secure such rights of way, and any expense that may be necessary in connection therewith is hereby authorized. This committee to report at the earliest practicable date.

Seconded by Mr, Mooers, and on being voted on was CARRIED

The Mayor appointed as such committee to serve with him, Mr.W.G. Platt and Mr. L.M.Mooers.

Mr. Platt moved that the action taken by the Council at an informal meeting held instructing the Engineer in charge of the surveys &c for water works to make experiments in the locality of the Spring with the idea of securing a water supply thereat be approved and the Mayor authorized to pay any bills in connection therewith
Seconded by Mr.Long
CARRIED

Dyars bill

Pierce

Rights of way

Dog Tax

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay Mr. E. E. Blodgett, Bailiff, five dollars for services in connection with the collection of dog taxes.

Fire Dept

Mr. Summy, Chief of the Fire Department verbally reported that he had purchased washers for the fire hose, which was in good condition and that the apparatus has been cleaned and put in order and is in serviceable condition.

No further business appearing, the council adjourned at 11 p'm'

Geo. A. Warrin

Town Clerk.

Approved:

Simeon S. Smith

Mayor